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Title: Times Of Reverence II

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July (Cermie) - Tulkas  
July is time which honors  
Tulkas, the patron Vala  
of Elven warriors and  
bladesingers. During his  
time of reverence, young  
warriors may complete  
their rite of passage by

competing in tourneys and  
strategic battles. The  
victor of these tourneys  
is sometimes blessed by a  
weapon dipped in bane, or  
shield of chaos. His time  
is often used to plan  
strategic battles, or to

train the Varar  
en Eldador. Elves leave  
offerings of weapons and  
armor for Tulkas, for he  
trains the armies of  
Valinor for battle against  
Morgoth. Tulkas kka krm  
are received in form of

ease to swing the blade,  
or in the ability to coat  
swords with bane that  
sickens Elven enemies.

August (Urime) - Ulmo  
Ulmo's time of reverence  
is especially honored by

Sea Elves, for He is  
their patron Vala. During  
this time, Sea Elves  
perform the Moonlight  
Ritual. Little is known of  
this ritual, save that it  
regulates the tides and  
restores balance to their

kin. Songs of praise of  
Ulmo's glory are  
frequently heard across

the oceans, and gifts of pearls and silver are thrown into the ocean to gain His favors. Ulmo blesses the Elves with

calm seas and good winds, thus many Elves take to travel across the oceans. Elves who fish during the month of August must return half of their fish to the sea, so their nets will be full through the

year. Ulmo also shares his treasures freely, thus special chests and treasures may be fished up from the seas.

September (Yavannie)  
Mandos and Nienna

September is a time of reverence of Mandos and Nienna, Valar of death and passing. The most important holy day during this time is Yavieba , autumnal equinox. Though Mandos and Nienna's time

of reverence is spent mostly in solitude and quiet meditation, Elves will frequently gather together to praise the two and obtain their favors. Mandos and Nienna teach about the

importance and glory of passing, and the necessity of grief in Life. Their blessings take form of acceptance of death and passing, as well as an ability to judge clearly and be clear of mind and

spirit. To honor Mandos and Nienna, Elves light candles each night, helping guide spirits to gates of Valinor.

October (Narquellie)

Irmo

Irmo's time of reverence  
is of particular  
importance to Elven lore  
keepers. Irmo, the Vala  
of dreams and the  
unconscious, blesses the  
lore keepers with  
inspiration and thirst to

understand Sossaria  
mysteries. Elves honor  
Irmo through spending less  
time in reverie and more  
in the dreaming states,  
allowing him to impart  
upon them wisdom and  
advice. To enhance their

dreaming, many craft  
dream catchers (small  
devices said to capture  
nightmares and keep away  
creatures of ill that try  
to invade dreams), or  
drink special teas and  
wines. Elves appreciate

this time because it  
allows for a subtle form  
of learning and  
understanding mysteries  
of creation.

November (Hisime)

Este

November is the time of  
reverence for Este, the  
gentle Valier of healing.  
Especially honored by  
Elven priests and healers,  
the time is spent in  
aiding others. Elven  
priests often partake in  
great pilgrimages with the  
purpose of fortifying the  
body. As they believe the  
body to be the temple of  
Valarim will and grace,  
many Elves may partake  
in fasting or restricting  
their diets to more  
nutritious foods. Este  
blesses those who are  
deemed worthy with  
greater understanding of  
anatomy and greater skill

of healing. Grave illnesses  
have been healed during  
Este's time of reverence,  
and cures for plagues  
have been discovered.  
Este's priestesses are  
known for their "golden  
hands", for they radiate  
the gentle heat that  
Este's aura is known for.

#### December (Ringare)

Vaire

Vaire's time of  
reverence is of particular  
importance to Elven  
mages, for She teaches  
them of Causes and  
Consequences. As the  
weaver of Fate and Time,  
She blesses Elves with  
understanding of Life  
design and allows them a  
glimpse into the  
complexity of creation. Of  
great importance is the  
holy day of Yeneasira ,  
when wishes are woven  
into the tapestry of  
fate. Elven matrons  
gather together to weave  
a tapestry of the year  
events, patterns and  
colors inspired by Vaire  
The tapestry is displayed  
at the temple for the  
year to come, so each  
Elf can learn from it and  
avoid repeating the  
mistakes of the past.

For more information on  
Elven lore, visit the  
Ancient Order of Elves,  
The Ancient Order of  
Elves - Ultima Online  
Roleplaying Guild